

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Toshihiko TANAKA : Confirmation Number: 3832
Application No.: 10/551,553 : Group Art Unit: 2812
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For: PROCESS FOR FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
GENERATING MASK PATTERN DATA

AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

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Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination and the following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on October 2, 2009, having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire January 2, 2010 (Saturday).

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.